

**ADOPTION OF COMMERCIAL EDI STANDARDS
FOR DOD LOGISTICS BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
INTEGRATED PRODUCT TEAM**

CHARTER

I. Introduction

Department of Defense Reform Initiative Directive (DRID) #48 - Adoption of Commercial EDI Standards for DoD Logistics Business Transactions, directs the Joint Electronic Commerce Program Office (JECPO) to form an Integrated Product Team (IPT) to develop a comprehensive implementation plan to migrate DoD logistics transactions to the use of commercial electronic data interchange (EDI) standards. Guidance and oversight for this effort will be provided by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics [DUSD(L)].

II. Purpose

The purpose of this IPT is to develop and publish a plan that will guide the Department of Defense in the implementation of Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 161-2 adopted EDI standards throughout the Department's logistics processes.

III. Background

The DoD logistics information exchange standards in use today, referred to as the Defense Logistics Standard Systems (DLSS), are old and obsolete. Initially established in 1962, the standards are imbedded in 80-character fixed-length records that exchange logistical data among DoD activities, civil agencies, and commercial organizations. The fixed-length records are saturated and do not permit transmitting additional data, resulting in an inflexible costly process, inhibiting DoD's ability to modernize.

A Joint Service/Agency Committee, established in response to Management Reform Memorandum #11, recommended that the scope of the commercial identifier initiative be modified to implement American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 commercial EDI standards in lieu of the current DoD-unique exchange standards. DRID #48 acts on this recommendation by establishing the framework that will allow the Department to support expanding data requirements, simplify exchanges with commercial trading partners, and separate data exchange formats from the internal programming code of logistics computer systems to permit the systems to evolve more readily with new technologies.

IV. Responsibilities: The IPT will:

- Develop and publish an implementation plan that encompasses and supports, as a minimum:
 - Migration from the DLSS standard, or Service/Agency unique standards, to commercial standards.
 - A phased implementation approach, including the means to operate in a combined DLSS and commercial standards environment.
 - Use of ANSI ASC X12 EDI standards, or other EDI standards identified in Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 161-2, as appropriate
 - Integration with other federal Electronic Business (EB)/Electronic Commerce (EC) implementation efforts and technical architectures of DoD and its components
 - Simplified DoD interfaces with the private and federal civilian sectors
 - Expansion into other functional areas, such as maintenance, as appropriate
- Recommend resolutions to policy issues that arise during development of the plan, elevating unresolved issues to the Logistics Information Board (LIB) and Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Logistics (DUSD) (L)), as appropriate
- Deliver published plan to appropriate entity for implementation and oversight

V. Operating Procedures

The IPT will meet at the request of the Chair and terminate upon approval of the plan.

IPT members may recommend discussion items to the Chair for consideration.

The Chair will select items to be discussed and prepare and disseminate an agenda to IPT members prior to each meeting.

The Chair will be responsible for recording and documenting the actions of each meeting and for disseminating the minutes of proceedings to each member of the IPT.

The Chair shall report progress on IPT efforts monthly through the Director, JECPO to the DoD Deputy Chief Information Officer, and the Director, Defense Reform Initiative; and DUSD(L), when required.

VI. Membership

Members should have a working functional and technical knowledge of current and evolving logistics processes/systems within their respective organizations and be empowered to act authoritatively on behalf of their organization. Membership will be made up of representatives from the following organizations.

Chair: JECPO

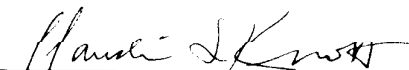
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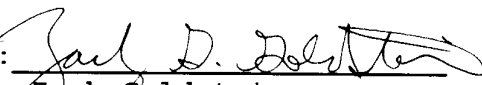
- Each Military Service
- Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)
- United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM)
- United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- General Services Administration (GSA)
- National Security Agency (NSA)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA)

- Veterans Administration (VA)
- Joint Staff (JS)
- Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)
- Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)
- Defense Medical Logistics (MEDLOG)
- Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA)
- Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
- Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)
- Special Operations Command (SOCOM)
- United States Postal Service (USPS)

Supporting Organizations:

- Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS)
- Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS)
- Acquisition Reform Office (ARO)
- Joint Total Asset Visibility Office (JTAV)
- Defense Automatic Addressing System Center (DAASC)
- Defense Logistics Management Standards Office (DLMSO)
- Logistics Community Manager (LCM)
- Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC)
- Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO)
- Civil Sector Standards Groups

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